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Title: *Rebate Processing System and Method
Offering Selectable Disbursement Options*

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled "*Rebate Processing System and Method Offering Selectable Disbursement Options*," please amend the application as follows: